

**PVAMU Cooperative Extension Program Farmer's Fund**  
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The Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) Agriculture and Natural Resources (AgNR) Unit is providing a second round of mini-grants to provide financial assistance to minority landowners with short-term cash needs.

CEP and AgNR realize the limited assets and challenges many minority landowners face. As a result, many have less access to emergency funding. This limited grant program will assist small farmers and producers by providing financial assistance to help overcome sustainability operation obstacles. The grant is eligible for farmers in Wharton & Austin County.

The number of grants is limited, so we urge qualified applicants to apply immediately. These grants do not require repayment.

"We have a unique opportunity to make a small difference in the lives of so many landowners," said Clarence Bunch, Ph.D., CEP Agriculture and National Resources Program Leader. Applications will be received, ranked, and funded on a first come, first served basis.

For those who participated in round 1 of this program, your application will be automatically considered for round 2.

**The deadline to submit Farmers Fund Applications and Small Farm Institute Intake forms is November 15, 2022 at 5pm.**

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## Farmer's Fund Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Financial Assistance (Please check only one):    Heirs:    Sustain Operations

Type of applicant Farmer/Rancher/Applicant: ☐ Socially Disadvantaged ☐ Beginning ☐ Limited Resource ☐ Urban  
☐ Veteran Farmers ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Assistance

#### For: Legal

☐ Legal Counseling  
☐ Court Filing Fees  
☐ Will  
☐ Power of Attorney  
☐ Land Survey  
☐ Quit Claim Deeds  
☐ Land Surveys  
☐ Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### For: Sustain Operations

☐ Purchase Equipment  
☐ Crop Production  
☐ Value-Added Enterprise  
☐ Livestock Production  
☐ Operation

\*Dealing with tenants in common issues      Yes      No

Requested Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### General Information (Check all that apply)

A. What type of producer are you? ☐ Traditional (Livestock, Agronomic, etc.) ☐ Urban Farmer

B. Are you a member of PVAMU CEP Small Farm Institute:    Yes    No    If yes, when? Date: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Do you have a USDA FSA Farm No.?    Yes -Provide # \_\_\_\_\_    No

D. Did you attend 5 of CEP AgNR workshops?    Yes    No    List: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

E. Work with CEP Ag Extension Agent? ☐ Yes ☐ No    List County \_\_\_\_\_    Agent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

F. Have you been denied an operating loan from a lending institution or from USDA FSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
When:    Date \_\_\_\_\_    Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_/provide documents:

G. Did you receive NRCS Cost-Share Assistance. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Date \_\_\_\_\_/Co. \_\_\_\_\_  
Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

H. Are you a CEP employee or relative of employee? ☐ Yes ☐ No: Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional

I. Which category best describes your race? a) African American \_\_\_ b) White \_\_\_ c) Hispanic \_\_\_ d) Asian \_\_\_ e) Other \_\_\_

J. Which category best describes your gender? Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

K. Are you a veteran? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Applications are accepted for the Farmer's Fund from October 15 - November 15, 2022.**

To apply for the Farmer's Fund, please contact your **local CEP Extension Agent**. If you are in a county without an agent, you may visit AgNR Small Farm Institute website.

(<https://www.pvamu.edu/cahs/cep/agriculture-and-natural-resources/small-farm-institute/technical-assistance-programs/>) to submit an application.

### **II. PROCESS**

The following describes the process of how to apply for Small Farm Institute Farmer's Fund programs:

**1st)** Fill out a Small Farm Institute Enrollment Form

**2nd)** Complete the Farmer's Fund Application and provide appropriate documentation.

**3rd)** Submit application by deadline.

- a. Return application to CEP Extension Agent for your county
- b. If no CEP Agent in your county, email to: [clbunch@pvamu.edu](mailto:clbunch@pvamu.edu) or mail to: P.O Box 519, MS 2001, Prairie View, TX 77446

**III.** Applications are received, evaluated, ranked, and approved by November 20, 2022. Applications are awarded based on ranking, locations, need based, and first come first served approach. Applicants are responsible for completing and filing application. Farmers Fund is open to all eligible agricultural producers. Applicants are strongly encouraged to work with local CEP Extension Agent.

### **III. ELIGIBILITY**

Socially disadvantaged, limited resources, underrepresented, farmers, ranchers and forest landowners who are currently owning or renting agricultural land are eligible. Farmers Fund assistance can be provided for Heirs property issues and all types of agricultural operations, including:

- Conventional and organic
- Specialty crops and commodity crops
- Forestry
- Wildlife
- Livestock operations



# Small Farm Institute

## Enrollment Form

(Used to gather information to better serve you.)

County: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information: (Please Print)

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

### AgNR Program Assistance

**Type of Assistance Needed** (check all that apply): ☐ Education ☐ Research ☐ Outreach ☐ Technical ☐ Service ☐ Other

**Type of Program Assistance Provided** (check all that apply) ☐ Livestock Management ☐ Sustainable Agriculture  
☐ Urban Agriculture ☐ Wildlife Management (Feral) ☐ SFLR ☐ Forest Management ☐ Financial Management

### Agricultural/Farm Information

1. Land location: City/Town/Village \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_
2. Type of farming operation: ☐ Livestock ☐ Farming ☐
3. Do you ☐ own or ☐ operate the land? Is land heirs property own with other family members? Yes ☐ No ☐
4. How many acres are on the property? a) Forestland ☐ b) Crop land ☐ c) Pasture land ☐ d) Other ☐
5. Does anyone reside on the land? Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Are you willing to participate in our research if needed? Yes ☐ No ☐

### Land Use:

Do you have some sort of management plan for your land? Yes ☐ No ☐

A. If yes, please check all goals for the property from the list provided below:

1. Generate income through : Timber management ☐ Wildlife Management ☐ Hunting ☐ Livestock ☐  
Recreation ☐ Conservation ☐ Other ☐
2. Are there family member(s) currently participating in managing/operating property? If so, who:  
Spouse ☐ Children ☐ Sibling(s) ☐ Other ☐

### Land Management Assistance

1. Do you have a Farm Number on the property? Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Are you familiar with or have you worked with the following organizations to plan or manage your land:

- A. Prairie View University's CEP Ag and Natural Resources (AgNR) or Research Yes ☐ No ☐
- B. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)? Yes ☐ No ☐
- C. USDA Farm Service Agency (FAS) Yes ☐ No ☐
- D. Any State or local organization Yes ☐ No ☐ List them: \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional:

1. Which best describes your race? a) African American/Black ☐ b) Hispanic ☐ c) White ☐ d) Asian ☐ e) Other ☐
2. Your gender? Male ☐ Female ☐
3. Are you a veteran? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Benefits

When you enroll, you'll need to share some basic information. Once you enroll, you will be eligible for the following benefits. You will enroll your agriculture operation just once.

- Receive notice of all PVAMU CEP upcoming workshops and conferences
- Receive the Ag Matter Newsletter
- Eligible for drone area view of property
- Eligible to be included in Heirs Clinic workshops
- Eligible to be involved in experimental research with PV CARC Researchers
- Eligible to receive program grant
- Provided one-on-one land management
- Receive Natural Resources Management Plan on farm
- Eligible to attend Ag Seminars
- Eligible to participate in the Agriculture Leaders Leadership Program